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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-4, 8-16, 19, 20 and 24-33 are pending. Of these, claims 1-4, 8-12, 20 and 24-33 are withdrawn.

Claims 13-16 and 19 have been rejected.

Claims 13, 15 and 19 have been amended.

Claims 15 and 19 have been voluntarily amended for clarification only. These amendments do not narrow the scope of the claim, nor are they being made for reasons of patentability, insofar as the amendments are not made for reasons of patentability. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 13-16 and 19 appear to avoid the art of record, yet the claims are not deemed allowable in view of the rejections raised in the Office Action. Applicant asserts that the claims in their amended form overcome these rejections.

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Remarks to the Specification

Applicant has cancelled the element "in the form of substantially parallel lips" (referring to the opening) from the claims, thus rendering the Examiner's objection to the specification moot.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 13-16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, by introducing new subject matter.

Applicant has amended independent claim 13 by, inter alia, deleting the phrase "in the form of substantially parallel lips" (referring to the opening) from the claims, thus rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 13-16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Applicant has amended claim independent 13 by deleting reference to the "substantially parallel lips, also deleting the phrase "thereby preventing liquid in said container from passing through the lateral opening", thus rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 13-16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended independent claim 13 by, inter alia, deleting the phrase "in the form of substantially parallel lips" (referring to the opening) from the claims, thus rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

Applicant respectfully asserts that these amendments render claims 13-16 and 19 proper under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants assert that the pending claims are allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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